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SUBJECT: EC DECLARATION EXERCISE: DIALOGUES WITH JAPAN
AND CANADA

REF: (A) BONN 2176, (B) BONN 1663
BEGIN SUMMARY: FONOFF SOURCES HAVE INFORMED US THAT THE
EC-9 INTEND TO RESERVE FURTHER ACTION ON DIALOGUE AND
DECLARATION WITH JAPAN PENDING DECISIVE STEPS ON
U.S./EC DECLARATION. WHILE THE NINE CONTINUE TO SHY
AWAY FROM TRILATERAL U.S./EC/JAPAN DECLARATION AND ARE
PARTICULARLY AVOIDING THIS TOPIC IN CONNECTION WITH
UPCOMING REINFORCED NATO COUNCIL MEETING, THE GERMANS
ARE VOICING A CERTAIN CAUTIOUS FLEXIBILITY ON TRILATERAL
FRAMEWORK. EC/CANADIAN DIALOGUE STILL AT AN EARLY
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STAGE WITH PROBABLE FOCUS ON THE ECONOMIC SIDE. END
SUMMARY

1. COMPETENT FONOFF OFFICIAL INFORMED EMBOFF FEB 21 THAT
THE EC/JAPAN DIALOGUE A POSSIBLE BILATERAL DECLARATION

PRESENTLY IS MARKING TIME PENDING COMPLETION OF THE U.S./EC DECLARATION EXERCISE, WHICH BONN HOPES WILL BE CONCLUDED IN MID-MARCH AND SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT IN THE SECOND HALF OF APRIL (SEE SEPTTEL). FONOFF REP RECALLED JANUARY DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN POLITICAL COMMITTEE PRESIDENT VAN WELL AND JAPANESE AMBASSADOR SONO AND THE EUROPEAN REPLY THAT THE EC-9 APPRECIATES TOKYO'S DESIRE TO STRENGTHEN AND DEFINE JAPAN'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE EC. HOWEVER, FONOFF REP ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE NINE HAD NOT YET GOTTEN STARTED WITH THE DRAWING UP OF A WORKING/DISCUSSION PAPER FOR USE IN THE EC/JAPAN DIALOGUE (SEE REF A-PARA 2). FONOFF REP SAID THIS PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE DONE UNTIL THE U.S./EC DECLARATION WAS ESSENTIALLY AGREED UPON.

2. WHILE THE CHARACTER OF THE EC/JAPAN DIALOGUE AND POSSIBLE DECLARATION REMAINED UNCLEAR, FONOFF REP POINTED TO EC IDENTITY PAPER IN STRESSING THE WISH OF THENINETO DEFINE THEIR RELATIONS ON A COMPREHENSIVE BASIS WITH ALL THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OR REGIONS IN THE WORLD. OUR SOURCE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE EC PURPOSE IS TO IDENTIFY "THOSE ELEMENTS OF SPECIFICITY" PARTICULAR TO THE EC RELATIONSHIP WITH EACH MAJOR COUNTRY OR REGION; JAPAN WAS ONE EXAMPLE AND THE PROSPECTIVE EC-ARAB DIALOGUE IS ANOTHER. IT IS THIS WISH TO OBTAIN THE DE FACTO ENDORSEMENT OF THE EUROPEAN IDENTITY AND TO FOSTER GOOD EC RELATIONS ON A COMPREHENSIVE WORLD BASIS THAT ALSO WILL BE

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THE MOTOR FORCE BEHIND ANY EC DIALOGUE/DECLARATION WITH JAPAN. THESE CONSIDERATIONS ALSO HAVE MOTIVATED THE EUROPEANS TO AVOID THE TRILATERAL DECLARATION APPROACH ADVOCATED BY THE U.S. AND JAPAN.

3. NONETHELESS, OUR SOURCE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE STRONG VIEW OF WASHINGTON AND TOKYO CONCERNING A TRILATERAL HAD REGISTERED IN BONN AND OTHER EC CAPITALS. FONOFF REP CAUTIOUSLY REPLIED TO EMBOFF THAT "A CERTAIN EC FLEXIBILITY BORN OUT OF REALISM" WAS DEVELOPING ON THIS MATTER. HE NOTED THAT THE EUROPEANS HAD ALREADY SPOKEN OF A COMMON OECD FRAMEWORK FOR U.S./EC/JAPAN RELATIONS. SOURCE SAID IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE A PARAGRAPH ON THE TRILATERAL ANGLE IN BOTH THE EC/U.S. AND EC/JAPAN BILATERAL DECLARATIONS. WHEN EMBOFF QUERIED CONCERNING POSSIBILITY OF TRILATERAL DECLARATION FOLLOWING U.S./EC
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AND EC/JAPAN BILATERAL DECLARATIONS, FONOFF REP INDICATED THIS IDEA ALSO COULD NOT BE EXCLUDED.

4. AS TO EC/CANADA (REF A-PARA 4), FONOFF REP SAID THE CANADIANS APPARENTLY WERE PREPARING A PAPER OR A DECLARATION ON OTTAWA'S RELATIONS WITH THE EC. THE GERMANS UNDERSTOOD THE CANADIANS TO BE FOCUSING, HOWEVER, ON THE ECONOMIC SIDE RATHER THAN ON EC/CANADIAN POLITICAL RELATIONS.
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